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EDITOR'S NOTES

It would be difficult to say which feature in the Magazine is preferred by the greatest number of readers. But I am rather inclined to think my *Answers to Questions*, and the *Floral Corner Letters* when they are rather closely confined to personal, every-day experience in growing flowers and plants, are read with more than usual interest during the busy planting seasons.

I am sure thousands of home gardeners, whose favorite flowers are fit to compete with the choicest specimens reared by the most skillful commercial growers, know "secrets" and little "kinks" in treatment many of us would give almost anything to possess. And yet we cannot know of them until I can persuade these modest folks to write to the Magazine. Of course they are all good hearted, unselfish flower lovers, and would gladly tell you all they know but they have never "written for publication". Please do so now. Just write the story as you would tell it to a neighbor in whom you are genuinely interested. We cannot all be popular authors but all we truly flower folks can give out some of the good things we have learned that have meant greater success and keener enjoyment to us, and that may open undreamed of worlds of beauty in flowers to others who need them, often far more than even we did.

You will find the most inspired moment to write of your treasures is just when you are enjoying them most, or while you are giving them the special care that makes them so much better than the average.

This month I am sure hundreds could tell us of their Roses, Iris, Darwin Tulips, Perennials; how they prepare their beds for Annuals, Cannas, Gladiolus and Dahlias.

The time is not far off when I shall need matter about Paeonies, Iris, Lily Candidum and all sorts of Dutch bulbs. An editor does like to have plenty of articles, letters and matter well ahead of publishing dates.

Parks Floral Magazine is a sort of mutual affair, and it cannot be most nearly what we would all like to have it unless readers, as well as the publisher and editor, realize their part in its production and carrying on.

No matter how they may try the office folks cannot put their hands in your pockets and fish out the single little dime that renews your subscription for another year, or the twenty-five cent piece that pays for three years.

Nor can we put it into your good heart to ask a couple of neighbors who are not doing what they might with flowers to let you send their subscriptions along with your own.

Please make yourself responsible for sending your own renewal a couple of months before the date printed on the front cover of every number of the Magazine shows you it expires.

And also for a club of two or three new subscribers during the year.

You have no idea what we can accomplish by this sort of team work.

PLANTS BECOMING EXTINCT

I wonder if the readers of Parks Floral Magazine could not themselves establish an arboretum? Or might we use our influence so effectively that at least one additional arboretum might be started somewhere in the United States officially recommended most advantageously if we are to have only one new one?

There is serious danger of a number of our rare and lovely trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants becoming extinct.

Until a new Quarantine law, known popularly as "Quarantine 37", went into force all the world was available for us to draw upon freely. But now we are dependent very largely upon our own resources, and we must protect them or they will be lost forever.

There is another need for arboreta, in order that the plant growers of America may have some authoritative source to which to appeal for the name and classification of the great number of new plants constantly being discovered. It will be particularly necessary that such information be available if sometime one of the bills often offered in Congress, carrying heavy punishments of fines and imprisonment for shipping from one state to another products not true to name, should be passed and become a law. Parks Floral Magazine is daily in receipt of specimens from all over the country with requests that the Editor give the correct names and other particulars. Recently a large box of bulbs, roots and plants gathered from the woods were sent us to be named. Our own experiences and sources of information are quite extensive, but we could not supply the information with positiveness.

For some years a joint committee of the various Horticultural Societies has been working on a project to establish a National arboretum, at Washington, D. C., and even a site has been selected, but so far as I know final action by the Government has not yet been taken that will insure the establishment of this garden, and surely there could be no better place in our whole country, with unlimited land available and a force of scientific and technical equipment such as cannot be found anywhere else in the United States.

Might it be permitted to mention that England and her colonies have sixty-five such gardens; France twenty-five, Germany thirty-five, ranging from two hundred to five hundred acres, the largest, down in Rio de Janeiro, two thousand acres, while our own enormous country has but a dozen.

Let us do everything we possibly can to persuade our representatives at Washington of the vital need of a National arboretum first of all, and after that is accomplished let us think whether or not we cannot have a Parks Floral Magazine arboretum, because for more than fifty years the Floral Magazine almost single handed has been fighting to spread a knowledge, particularly of flowering plants.

In the mean time send along specimens you wish named and I shall continue to give you the benefit of such knowledge as so far has been accumulated and is available to me.

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LaPark, Pennsylvania.

THE ROSES IN MY GARDEN

A PINK ROSE

Thy bloom receives the fairest things
In earth, and sky, and sea;
Each passing beauty stoops and clings,
A willing slave of thee—
The pink of dawn is in thy fold,
Its fragrant breathing too,
The drops of dew thy petals hold
Are pearls of richest hue;
A sacred vow, the pure desire
Of love, thy depths disclose,
Each hungry spirit, yearning higher
Hath seen thy heart, sweet rose.

Joseph R. Hood, Colo.

In Rose Lover's article, a year ago, we were advised to plant a yellow Rose, and I have tried several times to buy one but have never yet succeeded in getting a truly yellow one. But I want to tell you what I have as substitutes. Of course I do have the tiny old yellow rose from my Mother's garden, and it is better than none. First, then, comes my Franzisca Krueger, which I enjoy very much; the foliage is good, stems strong, buds satisfactory and the color is pleasing, a coppery yellow tinged with pink—but it is not yellow. William Allen proved to be a climber, a good bloomer but of a tan shade. Then I have a pale yellow one, Etoile de Lion, I think, but my best yellow roses I grew from slips I brought home with me from Roseburg, when I attended the State W. C. T. U. Convention about twenty years ago. One of these I call "Sunset", and the other, the sweetest smelling, I have named "Beauty"—it is really more pink than yellow, and very dainty.

"Pillar of Gold" is lovely but it is tender, both freezing and blighting easily. Fortune's Favorite I like very much; it is very early, hardy, but blooms only once a year and then on the old wood so do not trim it. Marchael Neil is too tender here for outdoors. Really my favorite of all is Sol de Oro, growing on the east side of my home. Alexander Hill Gray is also fine, a lemon shade.

I am also looking for a satisfactory white Rose—I have Mrs. Frances Willard but it seems too tender; Gainsboro pleases me greatly though it does not climb for me.

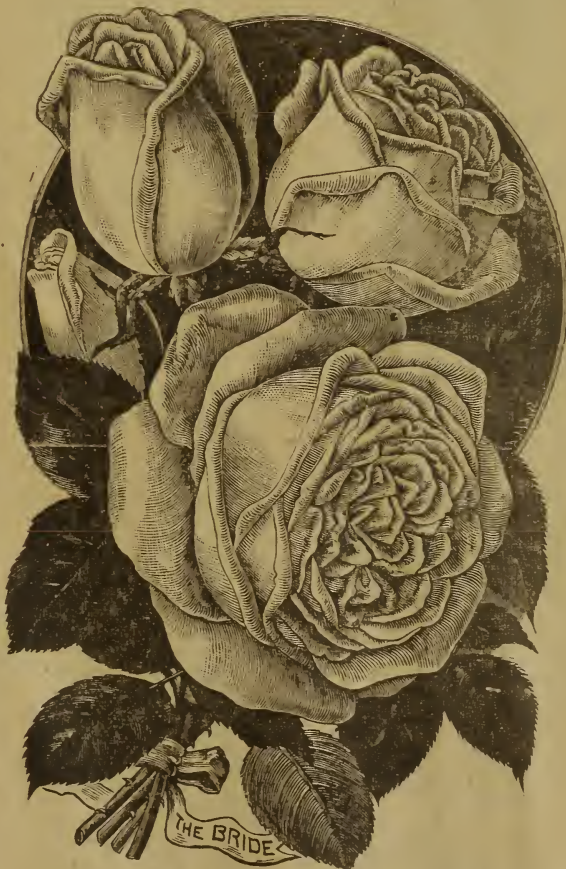
Last year my Roses were just grand and together with Narcissus, of which I have ten kinds, and wild Lillies and Iris, keep my yard a beauty spot all the time. There are a great many wild flowers in this part of Oregon and every year I add many to my collection.

Does any one know the Jewel Weed? I'd like to hear of it; it is said to be a cure for Poison, Ivy or Oak.

Why do some Iris not make good growth and bloom right alongside others that are as thrifty and floriferous as anything can be? Does anyone have success in growing a really good yellow Iris in a State colder than Oregon? I think it is such a splendid idea for flower lovers in all the different states to keep each other informed on the flowers that do best in every

part of the country, and I am sure one result is the successful introduction of many a desirable plant into states where it was not thought possible to grow them.

Mrs. D. B. Chamberlen, Cottage Grove, Ore.



MADemoiselle FRANZISCA KRUEGER; Deep Coppery Yellow
Tinged With Pink

FLORAL ENGLAND REVISITED AFTER 40 YEARS

On May 5th we sailed from New York (Hoboken). We had a wonderful voyage on one of Uncle Sam's own liners, the "President Fillmore", not a large but a very staunch ship. The food and service were perfection, everything the best. We landed at Plymouth, Eng-



A FRENCH LILAC

land, in a heavy shower of rain, and remarked, "Reign Britannia"! The country was wonderfully beautiful, intensely green, flowers in large masses, and in vivid colors. Just outside Plymouth the whole railroad embankment was a burst of reddish purple Valerian, about 3 feet high (we found London's markets full of it later). We passed old walls on which were growing, besides mosses, Wallflowers and Snapdragons in full bloom. The train was an express, (vestibule with dining car), stopping only at Exeter. We passed through a country covered with abundance of fodder, with lots of sheep, and Red Devonshire cattle, past quaint cottages, (many thatched), curious bridges, splendid residences. Lilacs, Laburnums and Hawthorn bloomed everywhere. Many hedges and individual shrubs of clipped Golden Privet (of the small leaved type), were passed; some very pretty effects were had by alternately

planted green and golden. We saw horse chestnuts of many kinds, and passed many wonderful old churches and mansions, many of the Tudor period and older; many of the churches were of Saxon and Norman origin. Around many of these were tall elms, in which colonies of rooks (crows) had built their fagot-like nests of sticks. We often passed fields of the European bean in full bloom, and the sweet scent was plainly perceptible as the train rushed along. At Reading we passed "Suttons", the celebrated English Seedsmen, and their trial grounds were in a blaze of the most vivid and contrasting colors; later we passed others not so well known. Later we visited "Carters", at Raynes Park, near the Crystal Palace. We were much interested in the variety and beauty of the Lupins, both perennial and annual, nearly every imaginable color, and as large and handsome as Delphiniums, which also were very beautiful and plentiful. The Poppies, perennial and annual, were in wonderful variety and colors. Primulas and Auriculas were in full bloom and glorious, too. In the woods of Essex, Surrey and Kent, the wild Primroses, Cowslips, and a hybrid of both, called Oxlips, were just finishing their season. The sweet blue and white Violets had just passed; the wild Hyacinth, (really a Scilla), was still blooming, betraying its presence by its sweet smell; these were very abundant both blue and white. A little later we saw large masses of the pink Foxglove, (Digitalis), in the edges of woods in Sussex. The small Daisy (Bellis) abounded everywhere; many had crimson tipped flowers. On the banks of a stream I found the beautiful Lythrum Roseum (but not then in bloom). The writer has introduced this flower to many water courses in Essex County, Massachusetts, and it now abounds along the Spanish River and its tributaries, as well as along the Merrimac from Haverhill to Amesbury. It has abounded on the St. Lawrence for many years; it is a wonderfully bright, clear purple, and also grows successfully in gardens. Many florists catalogue it as Lythrum Roseum Superbum, but it is in its full beauty by the side of a stream. Shakespeare and other English poets mention it; Shakespeare calls it "long purples". I renewed my acquaintance with the wild birds and beasts also, the song thrush and the blackbird (a thrush) take the place of our American robin and sing as freely, the English robin redbreast haunts the door yard like our chipping sparrow and is a good songster (like our blue bird in type). The prima donna is, of course, the famous nightingale, singing nearly all night, particularly when the moon shines, the woods echoing with its sweet song (the same as the best canaries sing). The equally famous skylark is a favorite songster, singing as he spirals up in the sky, bubbling over like our bobolink, only with a much better song. The starling and the sparrow abound, nesting around the houses, both are filthy birds around their nests. Although the starling steals fruit he is a good insect eater. (Incidentally the starling has spread from New York all over Massachusetts these last few years). Everywhere pheasants, partridges and moorhens (coots) abound; rabbits and hares are plentiful; wood pigeons of great size are numerous. Red squirrels and even the same American gray ones (strayed from parks). The insect eating birds have been strictly protected for fifty or more years, and so the insect enemies are kept in check, by nature's own

police (the birds). I passed a dead tree in a piece of woods which was fairly covered with hawks, weasels, jays, killed by game keepers and hung up to dry like dead pirates. Rooks abound in large flocks, many jackaws and some magpies. Several varieties of turtledove, (like our chickadees), are seen, as well as the goldfinch, greenfinch and chaffinch. I must also mention the abundance of Broom, which makes stretches of common golden with its blossom. Also the Gorse (similar but larger and prickly). Very many varieties of Ferns abound, the most common being the common brake Fern.

I also visited Kew Gardens, probably the most famous botanical gardens in the world; also Hampton Court Gardens, where the effects are more ornamental rather than botanical, and there, on the walls, the Kenilworth or Coliseum Ivy was growing naturally. Everywhere through the country the common Ivy abounded, nearly every tree was draped with it, and in gardens golden and variegated kinds flourished.

Henry Taddell.

IMPATIENS SULTANI

Easily Grown and Blooms Almost Continuously

My Impatiens Sultani is apparently in good condition but the buds fall off and only a very few of them bloom. Miss D. B., Kansas.

Each month I find among the Questions a few of more than individual interest and I am trying to give them a little more space than they would ordinarily receive in the "Questions and Answers" Department. This is one of them.

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My suggestion to Miss D. B. is to sprinkle a tablespoonful of air-slacked lime over the soil in each pot of Impatiens and to work it in about an inch deep, and then the watering will carry it down through the moss to "sweeten it up". Repeat once a week so long as the white worms are present.—EDITOR.

ON THE ROAD TO MONTEREY

The sun, like flames of silver,
The field with Poppies gay,
The gold and blue of morning
Deepening on the Bay;
The dark green of the Pine trees,
On the road to Monterey.

There are mountains in the distance,
Their peaks shine cold and grey;
There are flowers, by the road-side,
That blossom for a day.
But memories long shall linger,
Of the road to Monterey.

Shade of Don and Senorita,
Neophyte and brown-robed Fay,
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 Where once dark tresses lay,
 And the step's less light and buoyant
 Than on our wedding day.
 Through shadows dark, and sunshine bright,
 We've trodden life's vales and hills;
 The eyes are growing somewhat dimmer,
 But the lovelight lingers still.
 And sometimes, when we kneel in prayer,
 As trusting children do,
 We ask God, when He calls for one
 To take the other, too.

Mrs. A. J. Foster, Vt.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends:

In January 1924 number of the Floral Magazine I read an inquiry concerning the old-fashioned Sweet-Briar Rose, asking if it is extinct. It is far from being extinct in this locality. I have several bushes growing, one a large bush set in the lawn many years ago, after lifting and carrying several miles. And there are plenty more growing wild beside the road in the place from which this was taken.

They truly are delightfully fragrant. I love the oldtime plants and flowers, both annual and perennial, although I sometimes feel discouraged on examining the perennial bed, in the spring, to find so many have changed their location and have to be moved back to their old quarters to keep them from crowding others. The old bachelor's button (centaurea cyanus) are special favorites with me, bright, cheerful colors, lasting qualities as cut flowers, and sweet, delicate perfume making them seem to me the dearest of all the old-time flowers. Now I want to tell all the Floral Friends my last year's experience with dahlias: after preparing the bed very rich they were carefully planted and cared for, and how they did grow, resembling somewhat the growth of Mr. Phin-

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ney's squash, I think. But the blossoms that I expected, such as I have always had before, failed to appear, with the exception of a few late ones that opened about time for the frost to get them all. I am at a loss to know just why, but think maybe the soil was too rich. However, they developed a fine lot of tubers

for this season's planting. Can anyone suggest a more likely reason?

What has become of our old friend Bergamot? Has it been given a more modern name, or has it been crowded out by something more beautiful if not as fragrant.

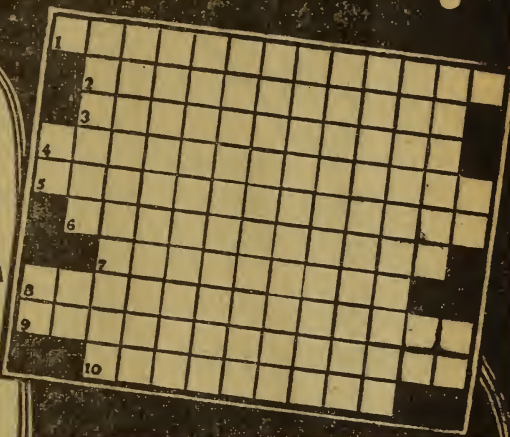
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Nettie Robinson.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: Someone may like to know of some Calla Lilies I saw once. They belonged to an old lady whose son was a blacksmith. She would go to the blacksmith shop and gather parings from the horses' hoofs and mix them with the soil for her Callas, and I never have seen such big blossoms, or finer plants.

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Wakes brown-eyed daisies there;
He shakes the fairy dandelions,
Plucks out their silvery hair.

Remembering a blue-eyed baby,
A dear forget-me-not,
While stealing sweet perfume of roses,
Hurries on to a little gray cot.

Creeps in through the open doorway,
To scutta, his burden sweet;
Breaths his cool breath on her feverish hands,
Brings the dimples back to her cheeks.

He plays with the milk maid's fair ringlets,
And whips the white clothes dry;
Then off to the fields where sickles wield
Boldly he bounds away.

And hovering over the reapers
He flutters his unseen wings,
To fan the sweat from their sunburnt brows,
'Till their hearts in praises sing.

Now, pausing down by a shadowy pool
He dips his feet in the waters cool,
And whispers good-night to the lilies white;
Then quickly glides away.

Away to the western sunset,
To his own dear slumberland;
There he finds the green valley his cradle
To be rocked by a mightier hand.

Clara C. Schroeder, Minn.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS: I have proved so often that if one reads the letters in the Floral Magazine and follows directions and suggestions he cannot fail to succeed with flowers. I remember wishing so much to know what to do with a Clematis that had been given to me and finding in the Magazine exactly what I needed to know, how to plan and arrange a little lot to look pretty, a Clematis exactly like mine mentioned particularly, and I have my garden now just like the one described; every morning brings new delights, another bud unfolded, a new color showing through the green. I often wonder when earth is so beautiful what must heaven be? I, too, find Perennials the flowers to be more and more planted, mixed in with the shrubbery. How pretty a foundation of shrubs looks with Hardy Larkspur, Canterbury Bells, Lychnis, Bergamot and Sweet Rocket, and a border right in front composed of Forget-Me-Not, just now in full bloom; or of Golden Feather with lots of Blue Belladonna for a background. I do not admire round beds or stars. Just give me the long beds along an edge of a lot, with shrubs in the center and mixed perennials on both sides, so that your neighbor, too, may enjoy your posies, and the corners in pretty lines running from front to back, dividing the "practical" from the "showy", to come out on the other side of the house in a lovely corner and again in a straight line to the rear front. This arrangement is very attractive, first with Tulips and then Shasta Daisies, Coreopsis, Gaillardia, Pyrethrum, etc.; the corners of Mock Orange, Bridal Wreath, Lilacs, Snowball, and rows bordered with Day Lilies.

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geas, Snowballs, Weigela; on the south Golden Elder, red-leaved Thunbergia Berberis, cut-leaved Sumac, Bridal Wreath; on the west Dogwood, cut-leaved Elder, and some wild shrubbery we gathered along the river, bordered with Nasturtiums. In the corners I have home-grown Ferns, which are very nice, bordered with Vinca. My idea is to have a green background with flowers of all colors in front, and the porches hung with vines. Can any-thing be prettier; my home is in Paradise.

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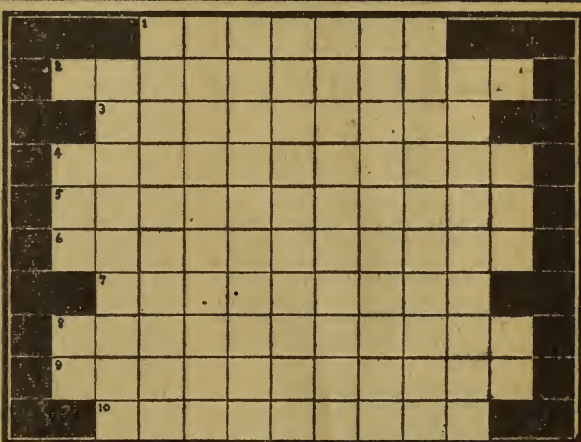
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. (a) How can I grow large Dahlias? (b) Why do some Cannas fail to bloom? (c) Some of my Lilies never bloom no matter how well I take care of them and how closely I follow directions.—A. L. S., Kentucky.

A. (a) Almost any soil will answer for the finest Dahlias excepting a hard, baked clay, provided it is as rich as needed to make a good vegetable garden, with well rotted manure thoroughly mixed through it, and the bed well drained. The best situation is where they will have plenty of air and sunlight, but protection from the full sweep of any prevailing high wind. Of course, prepare your soil well, just as you would for potatoes, and add a little commercial vegetable fertilizer where you set each tuber, mixed into the soil. Just when the buds appear give the Dahlia patch a top dressing of four parts bone meal to one of nitrate of soda and mix it into the soil, but not too deep so as to bother the tubers. Let me caution you when digging the bed to put the spade down until its top is buried, because Dahlia roots go deep. Set tubers eighteen inches to three feet apart each way and six inches deep; cultivate often, deep at first but very shallow, one to not more than three inches, when flowering begins. Up to this point cultivate frequently so as not to let the surface bake. Dahlias will continue to grow and make flowers and tubers just so long as there is any plant food left in the soil and growth stops when it is used up. When you see a tendency to stop growing work in a little more nitrate of soda, as already directed. In dry weather, and in budding time, water thoroughly and frequently, never letting soil dry out. If you are after exhibition size and quality flowers, do not allow a plant to have more than six or eight branches and disbud freely, leaving only the buds at end of stems. Do not disbud Singles, Collarettes, or Pompons; nor disbud Cactus Dahlias too much. (b) The Canna is a tropical plant naturally found in wet, or boggy places, and it requires abundant moisture and plenty of heat. It should be grown in full sun, and the roots

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kept constantly moist. Do not set out before danger of frost is past; if subject to cold, while starting, plants are liable to rot. Have you tried starting Canna plants indoors? (c) Hardy Lilies should be planted where the bulbs and the lower portion of the stalks will be shaded and the tops come up and out so as to get sun for at least a fair part of the day. The soil should be rich but put no lime in it, as lime is not good for Lilies, and they should be located where the drainage is good, where the water will not lie on the bulbs during Winter. Should the soil at any time have little white worms in it use powdered charcoal liberally, worked into the soil, instead of lime. Do not disturb the bulbs after once set.—ED.

Q. (a) Will a row of columbine do well on the north side of my home? (b) Why does my Yucca not bloom? A friend gave me a big piece of an old plant; it has come up every year for four years, grows splendidly but does not bloom. I divided it, leaving only a single plant. It is in a sunny location in good soil. (c) Can Tritoma be left in the ground here all Winter? A. S., Conn.


A. (a) Aquilegia, or Columbine, will grow successfully in the situation you have for it. (b) Yucca filamentosa cannot be counted on for much in the way of flowers until it has remained undisturbed for six to eight years, stooling out and producing several deep roots. It does well in any good soil, but especially in well drained, sandy soil. Always advisable to set several plants in a clump. Some varieties do not bloom every year. (c) In the North Tritoma, or Red-Hot Poker Plant, must be dug up and wintered in the cellar.—EDITOR.

Q. (a) How shall I treat my Cyclamen bulb when finished blooming? (b) My Amaryllis flowered two years ago, has grown thriftily each season, but with no bloom since. What is the cause? (c) Is the new Amaranthus "Molten Fire" a bulb or a plant.—J. T. Van W., California.

A. (a) Set Cyclamen outdoors, under a tree, and keep fairly moist until Labor Day; then pot, as it makes best growth in Autumn. Do not mind if leaves fall off during its resting period so long as the bulb keeps plump and firm. Repot carefully so as not to injure the fleshy roots. (b) The chief cause of failure of an Amaryllis to bloom is lack of rest—it must have two or more months rest in a cool, shady place, either removed from the pot or pot and all plunged in the garden, and kept sufficiently watered so as not to shrivel up. Pot before frost, water every two weeks with liquid manure after leaves are well developed. (c) Amaranthus "Molten Fire" is grown from seed, which is as yet very scarce.—EDITOR.

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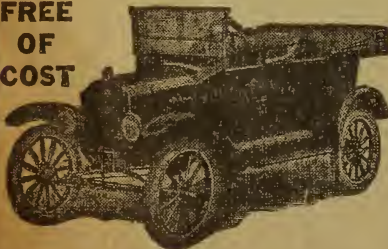
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